Mrs. Denny's Remarks about the Old Days on High Street Hill

Parties

A group of neighbors who included Mrs. Denny's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Storrow, Mr. Henry Ware's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Ware, Mr. and Mrs. Thatcher Loring, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peabody, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Moorfield Storey called themselves "The Twelve Immortals". They were very fond of Dickens and Mrs. Denny remembers a Dickens party given by Mr. and Mrs. Storrow about 1887 or 8 at their home on Wally Ave., now Upland Rd. in the house now occupied by Mrs. Redmond. The guests were supposed to represent Mrs. Jarley's waxworks, and, as Mrs. Denny, aged 6, touched each figure, they performed characteristically. She remembers that her father was Mr. Murdstone and Mrs. Williams represented Mrs. Gummidge.

Surprise parties were often given. Someone would go to call, then the others would follow with the supper in baskets.

They were all very fond of writing poetry, especially the Wares, who were full of wit, amusement and the utmost kindliness. On their friends' birthdays they never failed to produce the most delightful poems.

Shakespeare Club

This club was started sometime before 1900 and had its 100th meeting in 1918. Miss Mary Tappan was the originator of the club. She told Mr. Storrow she would enjoy a chance to meet the gentlemen of the neighborhood, and suggested a Shakespeare club as a means to this end.